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A PRE-CONVENTION MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT McARTHUR

THE fifty-sixth annual meeting of the California Medical Association will open in Los Angeles, April 25, 1927, and continue in session for four days. The Program and Arrangement Committees have prepared a really interesting feast, and your president extends this official invitation to you to be present. We have secured men of international reputation for the program, and in addition it is fully expected that the Secretary of the Interior, Dr. Hubert Work, and the Surgeon-General, Dr. Hugh Cumming, will be with us during the convention. These will be four of the most important days in the year to every ethical physician in California. They will mean much, too, to the medical men of adjacent states and territories who also are cordially invited.

The man who does not attend these annual gatherings of his profession never realizes his loss, but he who is in the habit of being present and cannot, feels like making this notation in his diary: "Lost four precious medical convention days, each containing much of priceless value to me; no reward is offered for they are gone forever."

Medical knowledge accumulates with increasing rapidity as the years go by. The field of scientific medical literature is too large for any one individual to survey intelligently. The surest way to keep in touch with what has been accomplished, the best way to learn of the things that are of value, whether new or old, is through contact and discussion with your fellow practitioners.

The atmosphere of a convention is usually charged with new ideas and stimulates us to co-ordinate our own methods with the best in modern medicine. Apart from the scientific information one obtains at these meetings there is an added something of worth in the way of relaxation and sociability. In the field of scientific endeavor the tendency is to develop into specialties, but there is a larger field in which every educated, ethical physician can meet with profit on common ground—a field where the spirit of comradeship prevails, the field of mutual interest and good fellowship. The members of the California Medical Association are one big family—meeting once a year for "a feast of reason and a flow of soul."

Nothing is being left undone to make this the greatest meeting in the history of our Association. You should take advantage of your opportunity. Come with us and obtain your share of the profits accruing from the recent advancement in medical science and, at the same time, unite with your colleagues to make the gathering memorable by spreading a warming glow of professional fraternity.